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A swimming start to triathlon:

Young participants in Saturday's Stanhope Triathlon begin the race with a 100 metre swim at Beech Lake beach. The kids event

was won by twin sisters from Canning Lake, Kristine and Sandra Bunker, while the adult title went to a 21-year-old runner from Newark, New York. More photos and results are on page 8.

Small municipalities feel brunt of tax changes

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Tax rates across Haliburton County are a clear barometer of the pressures bearing down on small municipalities as they take on an increased load of services, say municipal officials.

With a smaller base of residential and commercial ratepayers to share the burden, taxes are generally higher in the county's least-populated municipalities and lower in the larger ones.

This year the provincial government provided funding to help municipalities absorb costs for the many services it transferred to them.

But a portion of that assistance — including funding to help cover substantial policing costs — was given on a one-time only basis. Other grants are to be phased out by the year

2000.

Some municipalities are worried about their ability to pay for the new services without big tax hikes once funding from the province dries up.

The additional costs will be particularly hard for small municipalities to absorb.

This year's tax rates show the county's smaller municipalities are already having a hard

enough time handling existing costs with their narrow tax bases, says Snowdon clerk-administrator Ernie Hills.

Hills warned the tax rates are an indicator of troubled times to come for small municipalities.

"It's a signal to us that the smaller municipalities are not going to be able to withstand much more without paying significantly higher taxes."

In Snowdon, for example, where there is virtually no commercial assessment, residential property owners share nearly the full tab for municipal spending.

Because the municipality provides little more than basic services, its ability to pare down costs is very limited.

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TSW heritage designation mainly a tourism incentive

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Contrary to the fears of many area politicians and land owners, designating the Trent-Severn a heritage river would in no way restrict usage of the waterway or adjacent property, says the Ministry of Natural Resources official who helps

oversee the Canadian Heritage Rivers System.

John Fisher told county councillors the CHRS has no power to regulate uses along the waterways it designates.

"This would have no effect on land-use planning, private property rights or Crown land use," he said at Wednesday's meeting.

The heritage status, granted to

32 rivers across the country, merely carries promotional weight for communities and businesses fronting on the rivers.

Areas along heritage rivers have realized significant tourism benefits since the waterways were designated, said Fisher.

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Visit to Kruger National Park like old home week

IT IS SAID that there are only "six degrees of separation" between any two human beings on the planet. That is, we are all "friends of a friend" through a maximum of six links. The trouble, of course, is finding out what

those links are. At the Stanhope Triathlon on Saturday, Phil Graham was telling one of those "it's a small world" stories that leaves you shaking your head. He and his wife Jane were visiting their son Gordon, who

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

works for the Canadian High Commission in South Africa. As part of their trip, they went sight-seeing at Kruger National Park and overheard two other couples talking about their home in Canada. The couples were from Ajax and Pickering and it was discovered they had cottages in the Highlands. When the Toronto-area foursome heard the Grahams lived in Minden, one of them said their cottage neighbours had recently moved to the village - three doors down from Grahams! You can travel half way around the world and find out you're never too far from home...

The CNIB is having a Vision Services Day and Volunteer Appreciation on September 1 at the Haliburton Legion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Members of the public are welcome to come out and have coffee, with CNIB staff and find out more about available services. There will also be a demonstration and sale of technical aids. CNIB will also be recognizing its volunteers from Haliburton County for their great support throughout the year. For more information call 705-745-6918.

In last week's *Echo*, the recipient of the money

raised at the Art Auction was incorrectly identified. The popular annual event is now organized by the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College, which reaps the financial benefits in return.

Will the woman who dropped by the *Echo* office last week to inquire about "The Dump Picker's Manual" please call us at 457-1037.

Local loggers and carpenters may be interested in the First Annual Eastern Ontario Log and Wood Auction in Kemptville on September 26 at 1 p.m. The event's goal is to provide a venue

to buy and sell high quality hardwood logs and lumber as well as specialty items such as crotches and unusual species. For more information call Scott Dunlop toll-free at 1-888-791-1103.

The Apsley and District Studio Tour is September 18 and 19 and encompasses a wide range of artisans from Coe Hill to Woodview (near Petroglyphs Provincial Park.) Included on the tour are weaver Frances Timbers, soapstone carver (and Minniecock resident) Kim Warne, White Dog Studio's handblown glass. To receive a copy of the brochure listing the artists and their studios' location, phone Kim Warne at 457-2163 or painter Molly Moldovan at 705-656-3860.

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A genial crowd of South Portage Lakers met at Jack and Lorraine Virgin's cottage for the annual pot luck supper and meeting August 15.

The group discussed and approved their new constitution, and debated the advisability of joining the Federation of Ontario Cottager's Association. The issue was deferred to another time as the small group present was divid-

ed in their opinions.

Although an excellent professional report commissioned by the association noted that water quality was excellent, proper maintenance of septic systems was discussed.

During the discussion of the treasurer's report, members agreed to levy a future token membership fee of \$5 to help build a small fund, and to continue to cover various costs including mailing the

newsletters.

The question of restricting motors on boats, or the size of same was discussed. There was no clear consensus on this issue, and at present no particular problem exists. Most agreed that present use of motor boats was reasonable and responsible.

There was, however, 100 percent agreement that personal watercraft would be viewed as undesirable.

Under new business a member brought to the group the problem she and others were having with strangers using their beaches, equipment, swimming docks and private property without

permission. It was decided that a Cottager's Etiquette brochure would be developed by the association. This could be placed in a cottage so that owners and renters could be reminded of various lake realities; sound carries, boating safety, soaps and detergents, all land is private, there are no public beaches, etc.

The South Portage Lake Association would appreciate suggestions and comments from individuals or lake associations on the cottage etiquette concept and related issues.

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Next sculpture to revolve around Gooderham's lumbering past

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

There's a curious pile of rubble accumulating in Gooderham's community centre park these days, a pile that is destined to become a county landmark in the next few weeks.

Just below County Road 503 on a 30-by-60-foot plot adjacent to the Burnt-Irondale River, dozens of truck loads of sand have been hauled into the park to make a raised platform for three large rings of stone that have been piled up side by side.

Who, you might wonder as you pass by the site, would go to all this trouble?

The Haliburton County Development Corporation's visual arts committee would. It has been working since the beginning of the summer to prepare the spot for its transformation into a work of art.

It might not look like much right now, but this collection of sand and rocks is about to become the platform for the latest installment of the committee's series of sculptures promoting art in the Highlands.

Gooderham will be the third site for the sculptures, which have already been erected in Minden and Haliburton.

Each of the three rings of stones on the platform will be fitted with a concrete slab, on which sculptures designed by artist John Leonard will be placed.

Leonard, a Salerno Lake cottager and teacher at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, is chair of the visual arts committee's project, which will see six sculptures installed around the county by next year.

Leonard's sculptures, which are expected to be installed within the next four to six weeks, will represent the logging heritage of the town.

The centre piece will be a 52-inch saw blade, donated by

Hunter Mill, mounted on a 10-foot steel pole, surrounded by miniature concrete houses with copper roofs.

"It's going to be quite a show piece," said Clive Taylor, coordinator of the Gooderham project. "The saw blade up in the air represents the sun shining down on our community. The houses represent the community forming around the lumber industry."

Gooderham was founded on a tradition of logging. When the I.B.&O. Railway was still active, trains would stop in the town to load up with logs. In the spring, the logs were cut at the Hunter Mill, which remains the town's largest employer.

To the left of the centre piece will be another relic donated by the Hunter Mill: the original water wheel used to power the mill from 1874 to 1974.

"I was going to do the same thing with it someday," Murray Hunter said of the wheel his family donated. "I was going to put it on a pedestal."

Hunter says his family is pleased the wheel will be put on display as a symbol of Gooderham's heritage.

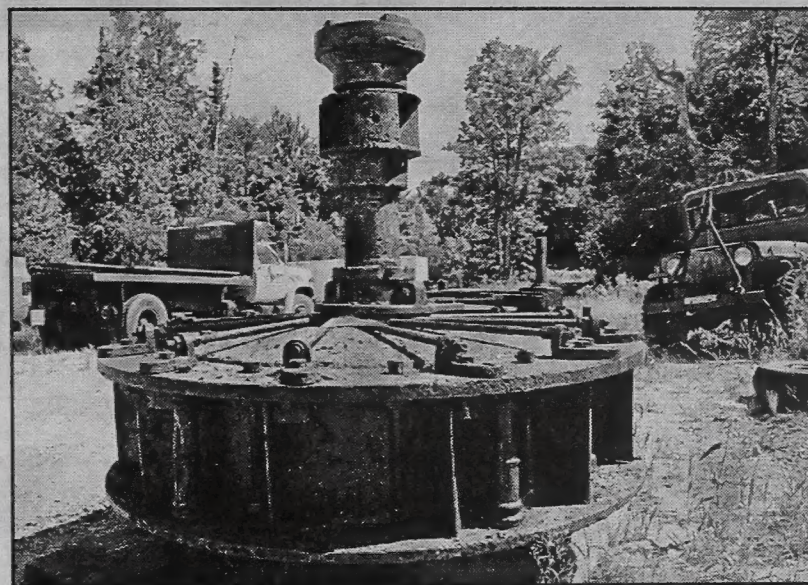
To the right of the saw blade and water wheel, the visual arts symbol that will adorn all six sites will be placed.

Because the Gooderham site is adjacent to the river, which often floods in the spring, the Glamorgan roads department has raised the land where the sculpture will sit by 2 1/2 feet.

After the concrete has been laid, the platform will be covered with top soil and grass for a natural look.

About 75 people attended a dinner Saturday night to raise funds for the estimated \$1,000 in materials that will be needed for the Gooderham sculpture.

The dinner's proceeds, in addition to the more than \$200 the committee raised from a raffle it held at the Horseshoe Days



WHERE IT'S ART:

Clive Taylor, coordinator of the HCDC visual arts committee's Gooderham sculpture site, shows off a model of artist John Leonard's work. Leonard's lumber-themed sculptures are expected to be installed within the next four to six weeks. Left: A 100-year-old water wheel, which will be used as one of the sculptures, was donated by the owners of the Hunter Mill. It can be seen in the model on the left of the centre piece, a 52-inch saw blade mounted on a 10-foot pole.

fair, have put the committee very close to its fund raising goal, said Taylor.

Taylor said the response to the Gooderham project has been overwhelming. "The coopera-

tion of the people and their enthusiasm really makes it a treat."

Have your say at community forums

Do you have a great idea about something you would like to see done in your community and don't know how to share it?

On Aug. 26, all county residents will have a chance to influence the direction of the county by attending the second annual Strategic Planning Summer Forum.

"The people of Haliburton County should take advantage of a unique opportunity to discuss the future of their county in all its aspects, be it seniors needs, transportation or the environment" said Jeanne Anthon, chair of the Strategic

Planning HUB Committee and Minden reeve.

The forum, which allows residents to share their concerns and interests with county officials in an informal setting, is taking on an interesting new format this year to increase public participation.

Carolyn Bray of the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition will act as the facilitator for a talk show setting, in which representatives from each of the Strategic Planning sub-committees will be on stage to give an update on the work their committees have done and to take

questions and suggestions from the audience.

In addition, children can participate in their own special forum, with games and activities designed to gauge their ideas about county issues, especially those pertaining to youth.

Two forums will be held Aug. 26: a morning session at the Stanhope community centre from 9 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session at the Glamorgan community centre from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Both forums will be followed by a public barbecue sponsored by the municipalities.

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With fewer property owners to rely on, smaller municipalities have little leeway when absorbing cost increases

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That leaves residential ratepayers on the hook when new or unplanned expenses arise, as they did this year.

Snowdon, which has no fire department of its own, had to pay neighbouring municipalities a total of \$20,000 to fight two large grass fires over the Easter weekend.

The unexpected cost of the fires was twice as much as the municipality budgets for fire services in an entire year.

Largely because of the fires, plus other additional expenses, the municipality had to raise taxes this year by 13.5 per cent.

In Monmouth, council also raised taxes this year by 13 per cent, pri-

“If funding’s not in place next year, then we’re right back where we were at the beginning of this year, looking at huge tax increases”

ERNIE HILLS

marily to cover policing costs and to create a contingency fund for anticipated property tax write-offs.

This year the province paid all but about \$30,000 of Monmouth’s \$156,000 tab for policing. But as of next year the municipality will have to come up with all of the money on its own.

“That’s a lot of dollars to try to find,” said Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman.

So where will Monmouth, Snowdon and the county’s other small municipalities get the money to cover the much higher cost of policing and other services when Queen’s Park cuts off the special funding it provided?

“If that’s not in place next year then we’re right back where we were at the beginning of this year looking at huge tax increases,” said Hills.

Any increases will be felt most by property owners in the county’s smaller municipalities, who already pay more than their neighbours in larger municipalities.

• Tax rates across Haliburton County •

To determine property taxes, property owners multiply their assessment by the tax rate.

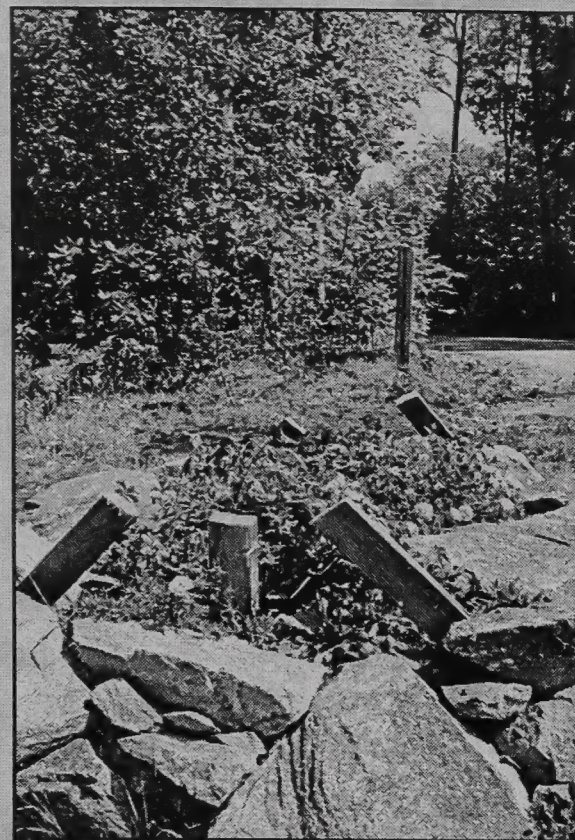
• **Anson, Hindon and Minden:** .00994488, Area 3 residential properties; .02594564, Area 1 occupied commercial properties (Minden has tax rates for six areas. Area 3 is where most residential properties are located and Area 1 is where most commercial properties are

located.)

• **Bicroft:** tax rates not available.
• **Cardiff:** .01080383, residential; .02489008, occupied commercial.
• **Dysart et al:** .00889, residential; .02333, occupied commercial.
• **Glamorgan:** .01024966, residential; .02534062, occupied commercial.
• **Lutterworth:** .01009522, residential; .02511299, occupied commercial.

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• **Monmouth:** .011097, residential; .0265948, occupied commercial;
• **Sherborne et al:** .00997533, residential; .02493522, occupied commercial.
• **Snowdon:** .01017576, residential; .0252324, occupied commercial.
• **Stanhope:** .00943261, residential; .02413053, occupied commercial.



Township of Snowdon’s sign is one of latest victims of vandals

Vandals, who have been particularly busy in the Highlands this summer, have added Snowdon township as the latest victim on their hit list.

At least one individual armed with a chainsaw recently cut down and stole the large, hand-carved sign in front of Snowdon’s municipal office.

The municipality paid about \$1,100 to have the sign built, said clerk-administrator Ernie Hills.

Many residents have also seen their mail boxes knocked down or damaged by vandals over the past several weeks, said Hills.

Other municipalities have also experienced cases of serious vandalism.

Most recently, vandals smashed many runway lights at Stanhope Airport, putting any pilot who might have attempted a landing at serious risk.

Vandalism has become so routine in Haliburton’s Head Lake Park that Dysart council is contemplating a curfew to make the park off limits at night.

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Please be advised that the regular council meeting of August 25, 1998 has been cancelled.

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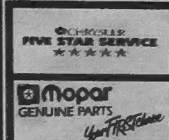
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New map could steer tourists in wrong direction

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at county council's meeting on Wednesday.

A new Ontario road map proposed by the provincial government would steer many potential visitors out of the county and drive the Highlands' economy downward, say county councillors.

The Ministry of Transportation has released the first draft of a new map, attempting to recognize the many changes that have taken place since former provincial highways were transferred to various municipalities.

Current maps designate roads by use, but one proposed by the MTO would designate roads by their functional classification — traffic volume and maintenance standards.

On the new map many roads in the county that used to stand out because they were coloured yellow as secondary highways are now grey county roads. Only Hwy. 35, Hwy. 118 and the section of Hwy. 121 from between Haliburton and Minden are red.

Councillors fear drivers unfamiliar with the Highlands will read the map and assume only the roads designated by red colouring are main roads, leading them to bypass the county's other roads — and the businesses and communities that depend on highway traffic.

County CAO Les Shepherd said the map makes the county look as though it's "way off the beaten track."

Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman said he has "grave concerns" about the effect the map could have on the county's tourism-based economy.

"I think we should object to its," said Warden Murray Fearrey. "I don't know why they didn't leave the lines the way they were and change the legend. People are able to read."

Council passed a resolution opposing the map. Fearrey said he would relay council's concerns to Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson at a meeting he was to have with him on Friday.

Tree-cutting bylaw

Councillors are hoping to put teeth into the county's largely ineffectual tree-cutting bylaw this fall.

A committee assembled to overhaul the old bylaw has put together a first draft of a new one, said Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon.

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The proposed changes will be sent for comments to a variety of groups that have interest in the forestry industry, she said. A meeting will also be scheduled soon to give the public a chance to have input.

The main reason the county's existing bylaw has failed isn't because of the regulations it contains — though there have been changes proposed — but because it hasn't been enforced adequately.

County council passed the bylaw because it had to be adopted by a municipal government serving more than 10,000 residents. However, the bylaw was supposed to be enforced by individual municipalities.

However, most municipalities have only one bylaw enforcement officer who also serves double duty as a building inspector. That leaves them without the staff, or the expertise, to crack down on loggers and private land owners who are using bad forestry practices.

One option considered by the county would see a single bylaw enforcement officer dedicated to making sure the tree-cutting regulations are followed consistently.

But Anthon said county council needs to resolve how the new bylaw will be enforced and who pays for it. It's hoped the bylaw will be passed in October.

Surprise surplus

The roads committee had a welcome surprise when the winning tender for paving county roads came in \$100,000 below budget. The surplus will allow the county to carry out improvements on other roads.

Speed limit changes

A 60 km/hr zone on Highway 121 has been extended from 50 metres east of Peninsula Dr. to 350 metres west of Industrial Park Dr.

From that point to County Rd. 1 the speed limit on the highway has been reduced to 50 km/hr.

The speed limit on the Harburn Rd., is now 70 km/hr from Hwy. 118 to Tattersall Rd.

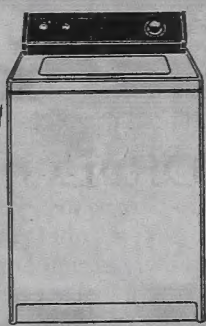
On County Rd. 507, the speed limit has been dropped to 60 km/hr from 80 km/hr for a one-kilometre stretch beginning at County Rd. 503 and heading south.

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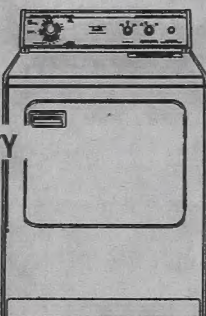


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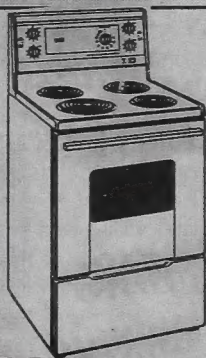


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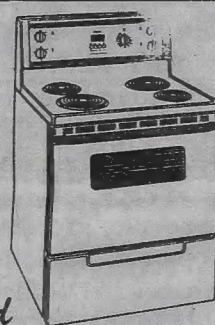
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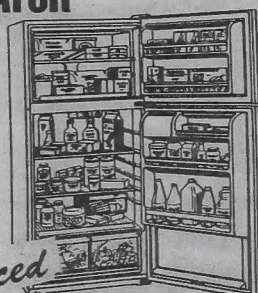


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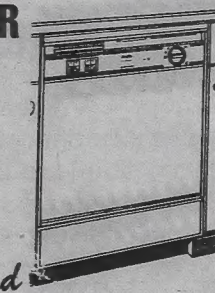


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Kudos to the Haliburton Legion for presenting three teachers at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with one of the Legion's highest honours, the Certificate of Merit. Paul Morissette, Walter Tose and Tim Davies were getting the credit they so justly deserve for their efforts in coaching and managing the high school's track and field team.

There's nothing in any contract which says teachers have to take part in extra-curricular activities, so it's because of their dedication to the students and the ideals of sport that these three men volunteer so much of their spare time. By spending their free hours with the stu-

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dents, urging them to succeed in both qualitative and quantitative measures, making them believe that success is possible, the men have helped to enrich the students' lives. Athletics

teaches them the importance of goal-setting, commitment, team loyalty and self-confidence, all things that will serve them well throughout their lives.

The Echo also knows how much time the three coaches dedicate to the track and field students, and is especially indebted to Paul Morissette, who always promptly and courteously answers our Monday morning phone calls and writes most of the stories about the team's results himself. (Walter Tose's writing skills are much appreciated when it comes to hockey and Tim Davies is always available to liven up our reports of the football team's successes.) The coaches also spent an entire Saturday overseeing the Legion's massive track and field event for all elementary schools across the country, and then went with a smaller group of the high school's track team as they competed across the province in Legion competitions.

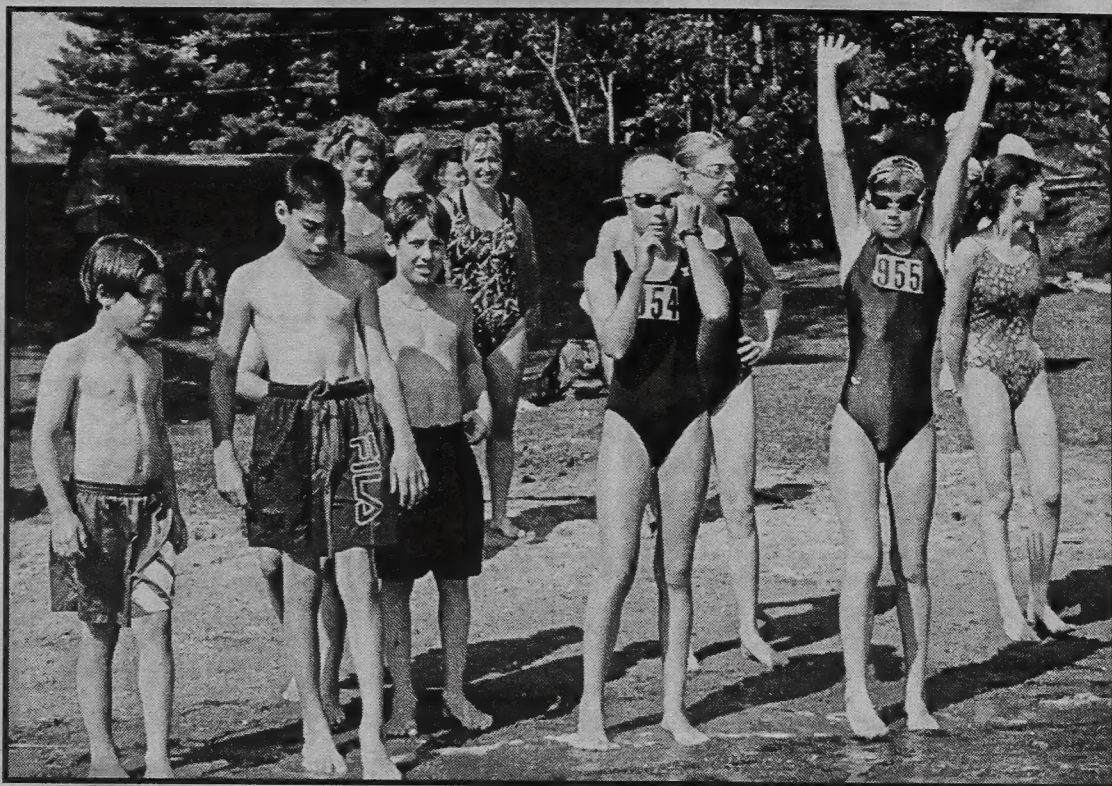
Teachers such as these three men exemplify all that is good about the profession and while there are others at HHSS who also meet these ideals, we'll have to wait for another organization to give them the acknowledgment they too deserve. In the meantime, we'll join with the Legion in applauding these three and thanking them for their commitment to the betterment of Highlands life.

A dilemma

One of the ideals upheld by the Haliburton Legion is the value in fighting for our freedom.

Given the Legionnaires' demonstrated commitment to the cause, society is in a difficult position when asking them a big favour: please stop smoking in the Legion auditorium. At Friday's honours and awards night, the air was heavy with cigarette smoke, making it very uncomfortable for those who do not share the habit. What's more, at a time when breathing illnesses, such as asthma, are on the rise, being in a smoke-filled room is also a health hazard for many people who avoid Legion events for this very reason.

Over the past few years, the Legion has spent a lot of money on air purification systems, but these measures cannot cope with the volume of smoke at an event and the smoke's tendency to linger a long time afterwards. There's no simple solution, unfortunately, but it would be nice if something could be done to make the Legion more hospitable to people who don't smoke.



In the swim at Stanhope triathlon

by Martha Perkins

letters to the editor

AVA an inequitable 'measuring stick' to determine tax rates

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial of August 11 regarding property taxes.

In attempting to put the matter into perspective, you proceeded on several questionable, if not hollow, assumptions.

Your initial suggestion that any local tax increase should be palatable because Haliburton taxes are presumably among the lowest in the province and are not overly onerous is off the mark. All taxes in this tax-heavy country are cumulatively onerous. Knowing that people in Durham or Muskoka might be paying more is as much consolation as having herpes rather than AIDS. The fact that this county's taxes are presumably at the low end, if true, is in great measure simply a reflection that it offers a minimum in the way of services (water, sewage, firefighting), infrastructure (public transit) or public facilities, compared to many more developed areas. That is simply an observation, not a complaint.

More significantly, you assume Actual Value Assessment to be fair since it is "the same measuring stick" for everyone. The problem, however, is that the measuring stick is in itself unfair. What logical relevance has the actual value of a property (land and buildings) to its owner's proportionate contribution (through

taxes) to the municipal budget? If my property is worth the same as my neighbours', we pay the same taxes even though I might live deep in the woods alone whereas he and his family of eight live in town which it's direct access to water, sewage and garbage services. Our residences might be identical until I decide to renovate my house and thereby increase its value, for example, by \$30,000. After pumping several thousands of dollars (plus provincial and federal taxes paid on that amount) into the local economy, why am I then penalized with a higher tax bill simply because I chose to make my home better looking or more durable or more livable? Where is the incentive to improve one's property? AVA is not a rational standard; it is as arbitrary as the old one of frontage. However, it could be modified to reduce the unfairness.

This leads to your second questionable assumption - that a tax system based on some elements of use would be too complicated. Why? We have a system now that differentiates between residential and commercial/industrial use and for decades made numerous distinctions for business tax purposes among a myriad of commercial uses. A system based on possible use (the use that can be made of a property) as opposed to optional use (what an owner may choose to do

despite what uses are available to her) is not that difficult at all. A property's assessed value (even if based on AVA) can simply be reduced by some reasonable numerical factor such as 5 or 10% if it does not receive garbage service or water service or sewage service or road maintenance or snow plowing, etc. These are relatively fixed facts that are easy to ascertain through municipal office records and can be easily reflected on assessment rolls.

If a municipality willfully does not provide benefits to a property, where is the logic in that property owner paying through taxes to reimburse the municipality for the costs of those benefits? If Ontario Hydro or Bell Canada

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your letters

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The party

IN COUNTY LIFE THIS WEEK, I review a book by Canadian illustrator Barbara Reid, who makes the most magnificent pictures out of, of all things, plasticene. Her pictures are so vivid and alive, I always feel as though I am right inside them. One of my favourite works of Ms. Reid's is a recent winner of the Governor General's Award entitled "The Party" and if you haven't read it, you really should. The story is of a family going to a family reunion as seen through the eyes of two young girls who are really not too thrilled to be going in the first place, but as the day progresses, change their minds and finally don't want to go home.



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It is an absolutely wonderful story with a gentle verse and the most fabulous pictures. Reid's illustration of the pot-luck buffet is a sight to behold. She has everything from devilled eggs to jellied salad that look good enough to eat. The book is funny and touching and I can't recommend it enough. I think if you have ever been to a family reunion, you'll be able to relate to Barbara Reid's "The Party".

I know from the first time I read this book it reminded me of my cousin Peter and the reunions he would host. Peter and his family lived in Cornwall, which was only about an hour's drive from Ottawa. The party was usually set for sometime in August and in the beginning, was held at Peter's lovely home and later moved to his rented-cottage on the St. Lawrence River.

Now this was my mother's side of the family and she was the youngest of nine children, so we're talking about a lot of people. It didn't matter to Peter. He just wanted to make sure that we all got together for a party instead of just a funeral so the word would come down, usually from Aunt Theresa (Aunt T-Shirt to many of us). She would call and say that Peter had called Helen who'd called her and she was to call "the Ottawa people" to let them know when, where and what to bring. The day was marked on the calendar and preparations would go into high gear.

My mother loved the reunion and cooked for days before. I remember peeling potatoes for what seemed like hours so she could fill her huge bread bowl with her secret recipe of mayonnaise, potatoes, celery and onion. My sister once made six dozen fresh dinner rolls for the day. T-Shirt would make her famous butter tarts and sweet and sour meatballs and even though Uncle Philip was long gone, his baked beans were always there.

We would wend our way down to Cornwall the day of the party, the whole time yacking about who was coming, who was away and the usual family gossip to set you up for the event. Once we arrived, Peter would be there, usually in shorts and a beer in his hand, hugging us all and saying how glad he was we could come. He always barbecued a large piece of meat and the rest seemed to take care of itself. The lawn darts would come out, the swimmers would jump in and the buffet table would start to take shape. There was so much visiting and talking and eating and talking and playing and talking that the time just flew by.

When, after supper, the party would start to wind down and people would start departing for home or other parts unknown, it always felt as though you had just arrived and why was everyone leaving already? But my family is notorious for the longest good-byes (the Gavan Good-Bye we call it) so even after everyone got to their cars, it was still usually another thirty or forty minutes after that.

Ah, what great times! We haven't had a family reunion in a while and it doesn't look like we will since my cousin Peter is now unwell and so many others have gone on to reunions in another place. It seemed like Peter was the only person who got us all off our duffs and got to the party for one day every summer. I'd say that was an art in itself.

All I know is that everytime I read "The Party" by Barbara Reid, I am instantly back to being the little girl falling asleep in the car after one of Peter's Parties. Treasured memories of cherished times.



pic of the past

IN LAST WEEK'S County Life, we had John Southcombe's "family tree" explaining why there are so many people from Cincinnati on the south shore of Lake Kashagawigamog. Mr. Southcombe, who is part of the Cincinnati connection, also shared with us this photo of the people involved in building Chateau Woodland, which they called Dunworkin Park Cottages and Cabins. As he notes, it could have been called Fearrey Inn for all the Fearreys

who helped to build it. From left are two unknown people, Elwood Reeve, W.F. Salter, another unknown person and then Harold and Herbie Fearrey. The lodge was owned by Elwood Reeve, John Oldfield and W.F. Salter, who began construction in 1939 and had the place ready to open in 1940. Our thanks to Mr. Southcombe, who still spends his summers on Kashagawigamog, for sharing the photo with us.

Grants help students reduce debt

THE ONTARIO government is committed to ensuring that all qualified students receive a quality post-secondary education.

This year, the government is helping over 200,000 students through \$535-million in spending on student assistance. This represents a 30% increase over 1995-96 spending. The largest share of this amount is in the form of direct grants to students through the Ontario Student Opportunity Grants program introduced this year.

Under this program, students who need to borrow more than \$7,000 receive a grant for the portion of their loan above that amount. The grant is provided for each academic year.

For example, a single student who is qualified for the maximum of \$9,350 per academic year would get \$2,350 of that money as a grant.

By comparison, for every dollar that the federal government spends to reduce debts, the Ontario government will spend more than \$5.

Limiting the overall amount of debt for students is impor-



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tant, and so is giving them the tools to manage their obligations as they make a transition from school to work. Students who have repayment difficulty can apply for interest relief from the province for up to two years. The provincial government is also attempting to arrange an income-contingent loan repayment program for students in conjunction with the federal government.

A number of innovative measures have been introduced, to help universities and colleges provide more local aid so that students get more assistance overall. Colleges and universities are being required to pro-

vide additional student aid from their own resources if they choose to increase tuition fees. This aid is estimated at \$85-million in 1998-99.

In addition, the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund initiative, launched in 1996, will generate \$600-million for student assistance at universities and colleges, and will help 185,000 students over 10 years.

A special Access To Opportunities Program will enable up to 17,000 students to enroll in computer science and high-demand engineering programs. The government will invest \$150-million over the next three years to implement this program.

The government, in partnership with the private sector, will reward excellence in graduate studies in science and technology through new graduate scholarships. There will be \$75-million awarded to students over the next 10 years through this initiative. In addition, the government, in partnership with the private sector, will provide \$75-million over 10 years for new research excellence awards.

Why not base taxes on services?

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does not service my property, neither expects me to reimburse them for their county operations. If a shoreline property on Kennisis or Kushog Lake pays an assessment premium for its idyllically remote waterfront location, why should it then be penalized again because it is not accessible enough for the county to bother servicing it? Most shoreline properties suffer this double whammy. Your gratuitous comment that such properties "were probably paying too little before" is not only completely unsubstantiated but reflects a curious bias.

Again, if a property is seasonal (a fact probably easier for an assessor to ascertain than its actual value), its assessed value can also be reduced by some reasonable factor such as 10 or 20 or 30% and reflected on the assessment rolls. Why would that be so difficult?

I do not care if I am one of the thousands getting a tax increase or getting a tax decrease. Like the vast majority I am prepared to pay my taxes under any system as long as that system is not only fair but also appears to be fair. AVA fails on both counts.

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Stanhope Triathlon:

■ *A growing number of athletes are willing to push their limits of endurance*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Everyone from highly competitive athletes to small children about to start kindergarten took part in Saturday's Stanhope Triathlon.

With 62 competitors, up from 51 last year, the two-year-old event is starting to gather momentum as more and more residents and cottagers gear their sights towards being able to compete in an event which tests their skills in swimming, bicycling and running.

"It focuses our training in the summer," says Catherine Hunt, a 12 Mile Lake cottager who teaches phys. ed. at Bishop Strachan School in Toronto. She also enticed fellow phys. ed. teacher Jill Curtis - who came first in the Get Your Feet Wet category - and one of their graduates, McMaster University swim team member Sarah Dickson, to join her for their first run at a triathlon.

By knowing the event takes place each summer, it gave the athletes a goal for their training (and an opportunity to let their students know they haven't been idle during the summer break.)

In the adult sprint event - a 750 metre swim followed by a 20 km bike ride and 5 km run - Sarah was the first out of the water at the Beech Lake beach. She was the second fastest woman and fourth overall. "I felt awesome on the bike but when I got off, my legs were like jello," she says of her first triathlon.

The adult sprint was won by 21-year-old Jason Alexander of Newark New York, a fourth-year athletics student at a Rochester university. A cottager from Silver Lake near Cobocok, he runs 80 miles a weekend has competed in several triathlons. One of his goals is to do an Iron Man race. This was his first time competing in the Stanhope event.

Second place went to Haliburton teacher and cross country ski racer Blake Paton, with third to Nancy Morrison, who often is the top woman in the Highland Yard, and fourth to Sarah Dickson.

For those who want to try a "small" triathlon there was the Get Your Feet Wet event - a 375 m swim, 10 km bike ride and 2.5 km run, half the distance of the Sprint event. The first prize went to Steve Long and Jill Curtis, who was the fastest



Kristine Bunker, above, repeats last year's winning performance.

woman, came second overall. She applauded the organizers for including this category since it gives novices such as herself the impetus to give it a try.

Eleven-year-old twins Kristine and Sandra Bunker felt they had to defend their championship title in the kids category, and they did it in glowing style. The Canning Lake cottagers came first and second last year, and first and second this year. Kristine crossed the line first and then Sandra had a sprint finish against Tim MacBrien to come in second.

"It's fun - it's stuff to do," the girls say of their summer training at the cottage, one day biking, one day running. (Since they swim competitively for North York Aquatics, they think they can forego extra swim training.) "It's good for us, it's exercise."

Sandra says the appeal of the triathlon is similar to something even a couch potato could relate to - "it's a donut covered in powder with jelly in the middle."

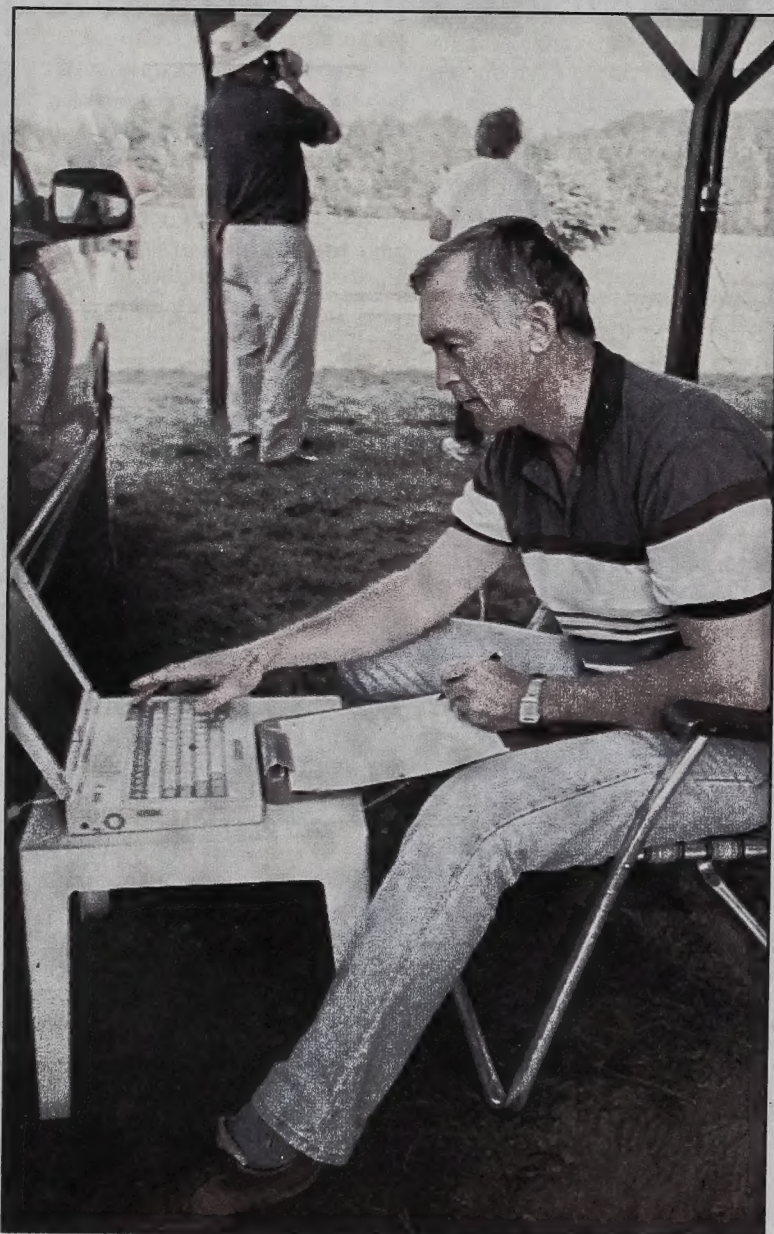
The girls recently came first and second in the Chemong Triathlon and fourth and fifth in the Midland Triathlon.

Organizers Carrie Martin and Lois Foster, both Stanhope cottagers, are pleased with the

growing success of the race and grateful to all the people who volunteered their time to make it run smoothly, as well as the businesses and corporations which donated prizes.

The following are the results in each category by total time.

Sprint:
Jason Alexander, 1.12; Blake Paton, 1.13; Nancy Morrison, 1.19; Sarah Dickson, 1.23:30; David West, 1.23:37; Helen Pate, 1.24:05; Eva Griffith, 1.24:13; Bob Smith, 1.31; Don Morrison, 1.34:56; Mac Harknett, 1:34:58; Toos Reid, 1.40; Emily Spasevski, 1.43; Laura Telford, 1.44:47; George Steves, 1.44:58;



Carrie Martin, 1.47.

KIDS:

Kristine Bunker, 15.17; Sandra Bunker, 15.2053; Tim MacBrien, 15.2078; Jeffrey Luckai, 16.1945; Greg Long, 16.1985; Ashley Colvin, 16.26; Adam Reisler, 16.5; John David Levine, 16.56; Kelly King, 17.27; Sara Ross, 17.37; Aaron Neilson-Belma,

17.48; Michael Levine, 17.51; Jamie Harknett, 17.56; Robert Martin, 17.5936; Paul Levine, 17.5963; Dianne Levine, 18.08; Scott Lewis, 18.38; Joy MacBrien, 20.55; Stewart Gunn, 21.07; Stuart West, 21.08; Krista Duke, 21.49; Katrina Duke, 21.59; Katie-Lynn Duke, 22; Robin Duke, 22.4; Sean Martin, 24.41; Hope MacBrien, 25.01; Gregory Foster, 35

A little help from mom, & technology:

After finishing the swim race at Beech Lake, 11-year-old Aaron Neilson-Belman gets help from his mother, Barbara Neilson, in preparing for the bike race in the kids event, above. At left, organizer Doug Martin types the results into his laptop computer and prints them from a printer set up inside his van. Organizers are very pleased with the growing popularity of the triathlon, which gives athletes a summer-time goal to work towards.

GET YOUR FEET WET:

Steve Long, 43; Jill Curtis, 43:58; Ed Noris, 44:26; Ryan Long, 46; Doug Lewis, 46:55; Catherine Hant, 47:19; Adam Sciuk, 47:45; Mike Jaakkola, 48:14; Steph Stevenson, 48:32; Alexis Sciuk, 50:08; Joe Ross, 50:30; Julie Dustin, 50:55; Barb Rosen, 51:02; Brenda and Rob Glendenning (tie), 1.10.

Fitness trainer wants to help people keep fit with free clinics

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

If you have time to read this paper, then chances are you have time to live more healthily. All it takes is a bit of activity every day, says a local fitness buff.

Lisa Box-Warburton, a Haliburton personal trainer, says not reserving time for exercise is a common problem that leads to stress, weight problems and other serious health concerns.

"Everything is so busy and everybody is always stressed and in a rush," she says. "People just don't take time for themselves and fitness comes last."

Box-Warburton, who has been teaching fitness for 10 years, has her own studio where she instructs clients on the importance of healthy eating, muscle and cardiovascular endurance and stress reduction.

She says finding enjoyable activities and being active every day is the key to changing a sedentary lifestyle.

"You have to do some type of physical activity and eat properly in order to be healthy. You increase your energy level so you have energy at the end of the day to do something you enjoy doing."

For Box-Warburton, one of the

activities she enjoys most is in-line skating. After being asked by many people to teach them how to skate, she decided to hold a free clinic recently in Head Lake Park to share her skills.

Box-Warburton says in-line skating, like many other sports, is something many people would like to learn, but are afraid to try. Trying new activities, she says, is a good way to keep an exercise routine fresh and rewarding.

"You need to fit it in each day and you need to enjoy it. If you're not going to have fun with it, there's no point in doing it."

With all of the fitness information that is available these days, Box-Warburton says that she is surprised to find that people still do not know how to keep themselves fit.

She counsels her clients to do 20 minutes of weight training and exercise three times a week, with an hour of enjoyable activities, such as walking and biking, reserved for the days in between.

The goal, she says, is to look and feel good, not to strive for the perfect body.

Although she is a certified trainer, Box-Warburton frequently takes new fitness courses to add to her training routine.

She will be offering a free



KEEPING FIT AND HAVING FUN:

Lisa Box-Warburton (above, from left) and her assistant, Kim Blair, teach Patti and Scott McIleen how to in-line skate at a recent clinic in Head Lake Park. Below, the McIleens put their new skills into action with the help of Box-Warburton and Blair.

seminar at Sir Sandford Fleming College Aug. 25 at 7:15 p.m. to share fitness tips and new techniques with those interested in learning how to keep in shape.

She will also be starting a weekly Walk for Health along the paths in Head Lake Park. Those interested in participating in the free walks can meet at the park docks Sept. 1 at 12:15 p.m. for a half-hour jaunt.

Warburton hopes that by organizing these activities, she can convince more people in the county to be active and think about their health.

"You've got to have a balance of body, mind and spirit," she says. "It's hard, but you just have to schedule it in."



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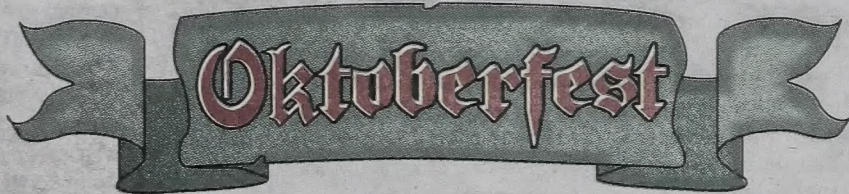
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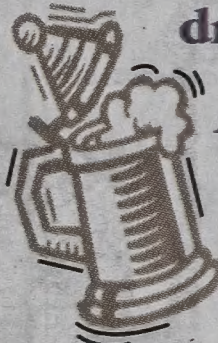
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Kash Dash:

Haliburton charity race will help doctors treat patients in under-developed countries

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Staff Reporter

Attention couch potatoes: put down those chips and get out your running shoes — the Kash End of Summer Dash is approaching fast.

On August 29, Haliburton County will hit the streets for the first ever 10-km charity race in support of the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief.

Haliburton doctor Steve Ferracuti is organizing the event, which will help send doctors to under-developed countries to teach villagers how to deliver babies, treat illnesses, grow crops and drill wells.

Ferracuti hopes the run will also attract tourists to the area and raise awareness of cardiovascular health in the county.

"As a physician you have to be aware of it. We do have, in the county, a disappointingly high rate of cardiovascular disease. A lot of it is due to sedentary lifestyles. The run is to encourage people and get them to recognize the risks."

Ferracuti began running a few years ago after much encouragement from his wife to be more active. He came up with idea for

the race while jogging around the Wigamog Inn.

"As I was running in that area I was thinking to myself how beautiful it was and how it would be a great place for other people to come up and have a run."

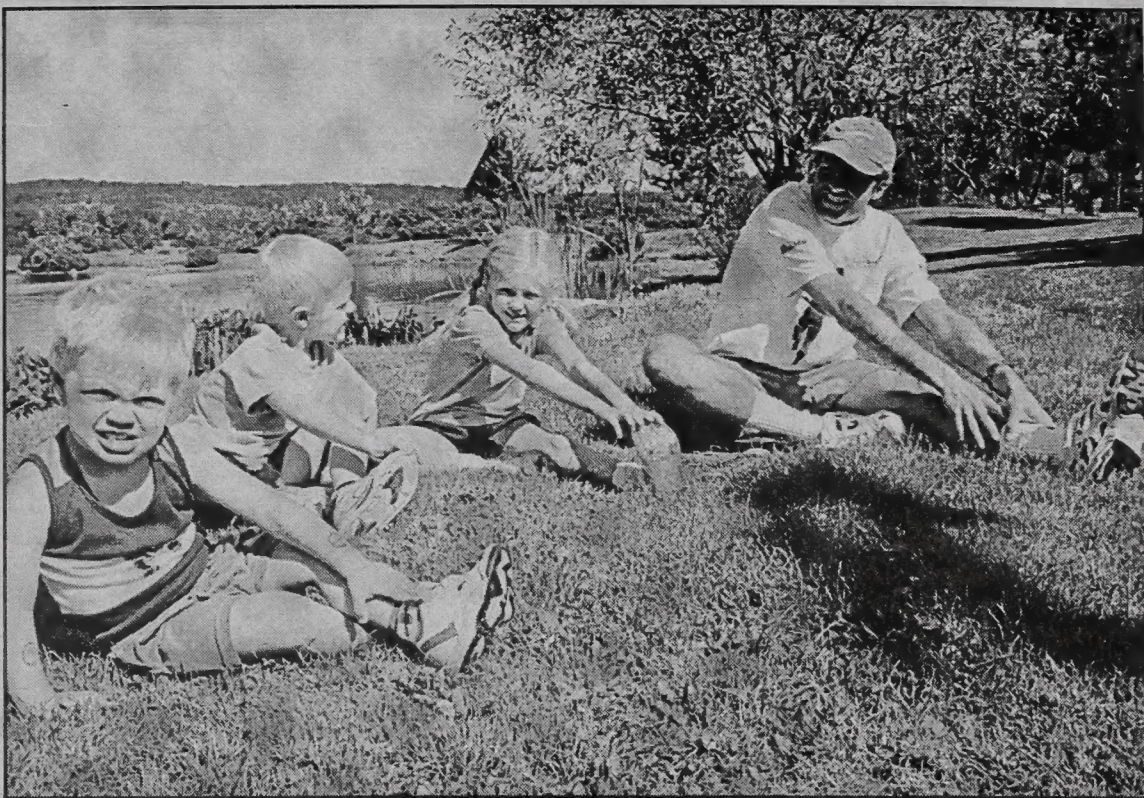
The race begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Wigamog Inn and loops its way around North Kashagawigamog Rd., Highway 121, Airport Road and back to the Inn for a barbecue dinner.

In addition to the main run, children of all ages can participate in the free Kids Fun Run at 4:30 p.m. Ferracuti has entered two of his children, 7-year-old Maddie and 5-year-old Joe, in the 1-km run.

Ferracuti hopes at least 100 people will register for the run. He has advertised the event through magazines and flyers and has already received applications from as far away as Timmins and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Applications are available at the Wigamog Inn, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, Sharpley Sports, Rachel's Home Bakery, Under Cover Books and the Dysart information caboose.

There is a \$20 advanced registration fee or \$25 if you register on the day of the run.



FAMILY FITNESS:

Steve Ferracuti, organizer of the first ever Kash End of Summer Dash, shows his three children, Maddie, 7, Joe, 5, and Louie, 3, how to warm up for a race with a good stretch. The Haliburton doctor hopes the 10-km charity run will raise awareness about cardiovascular health in the county. Proceeds will benefit the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief.

MNR hands out moose hunt tags

■ Increase in group applications reflects draw changes

The results of the moose validation tag draw are available and validation tags have been mailed to successful hunters.

Applicants can find out their moose draw results by calling 1-800-275-6657. This toll-free line will operate 24 hours a day until December 31, 1998. Hunters need their valid 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

There was an increase this year in the number of group applications. The result is that more hunters have access to a tag, either through their successful group or as a successful individual applicant.

"This year's results are directly related to the changes we've made in the draw," said Minister John Snobelen. "I want to thank again those who

participated in the independent review, hunters who provided advice and the members of the Big Game Management Advisory Committee."

Suggested changes included publishing a "guaranteed group size" requirement before the draw. This change led to an increase in the number of groups applying, and improved all hunters' chances of obtaining an adult moose hunting opportunity.

The number of group applicants this year was 39,701 which represents a 21 percent increase over last year. Approximately 62 percent of groups were successful, which is a slight increase from the 61 percent that were successful last year.

There were 20,351 tags avail-

able in this year's draw and 102,443 applicants. Of those, 18,297 adult moose tags were successfully obtained. A total of 39,848 hunters, or 20 percent of applicants, were successful either as a member of a successful group or as a successful individual applicant. This is up from 17.7 percent last year.

This year there were 2,054 tags left over from the draw. These tags are for Wildlife Management Units that received fewer applications than the number of tags available, largely because these areas are remote with limited access. Information on surplus tags in these Wildlife Management Units can be obtained by calling the draw results line.

Golfers tee off in Highland Echo Open

The Highland Echo Open golf tournament has enjoyed a successful start. The following are the first round results from August 16.

Tom Ecclestone defeated Dave Maybee, 2-and-1; Dave Stevens defeated Mike Rosenberg, 1-up; Ken Ablett defeated Colin Morrison, 5-and-4; Mike Irwin defeated Brian Madill, 2-and-1; Larry Rosenberg defeated Hugh Nichol, 2-and-1; Dave Bunker defeated Rick Wood, 7-and-6; John Gunning defeated Mike Gunning, 6-and-4; Andy Madill defeated Mac Gadway, 1-up; Eldon Bull defeated Dean Curry, 3-and-1; Warren Moon defeated Bob Nichol, 1-up.

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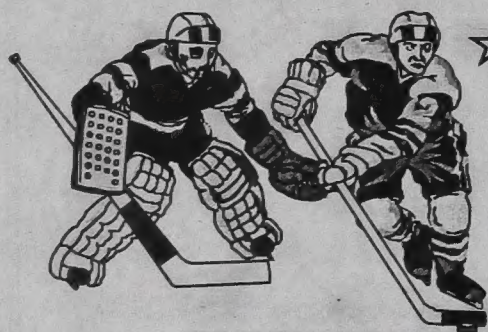
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Taking a step towards fitness:

Aerobics co-op classes offer casual and fun way to get in shape

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The hardest thing about signing up for an aerobics class is not the exercises you do – it's getting motivated enough to take that first step out the door of your house.

But once you take that first step, aerobics instructor Kathy Carey says she and the other instructors at the aerobics co-op in Haliburton can help ensure you'll stay motivated to do it again.

"It's got to be fun," she says, telling people to "go easy and smile and have a good time with it."

If aerobics aren't fun, chances are people won't stick with them. Since exercise is so important to a healthy lifestyle, the co-op keeps the lessons casual – you don't have to wear the latest in thongs – and geared to all levels of fitness.

"There's no competition, you come as you are and you work at your own level. It's a very friendly atmosphere," says fellow instructor Alison Logan.

"We have lots of people who are older and overweight and others who are in really good shape," says Carey.

One of those older people is 63-year-old Beverley-Ann Ranney, who attends a class nearly every day and wishes more people her age would do the same.

"It's part of my lifestyle," she says.

It's a healthy lifestyle at that. Although she has arthritis, a



One step at a time:

Kathy Carey and Alison Logan, in the foreground, are two of the instructors at the Haliburton Aerobic Co-op Centre, which focuses on step aerobics. Several hour-long sessions are offered.

recent bone scan to check for osteoporosis revealed "I have bones like a 30-year-old" and she partly attributes that to her regular exercise.

During the class, which focuses on step aerobics as well as floor exercises and toning, instructors provide a variety of skill levels so people can feel good about their work-out.

As winter approaches and nights get longer and colder, making exercise a part of a Highlanders' life is more difficult than it is in the summer. Some people try to do their

work-outs at home, but Carey says not only is it harder to motivate yourself when there's no one else there, but you likely won't push yourself as hard either.

By taking an aerobics class, "it's definitely much more motivating."

Carey says it usually takes three classes for newcomers to feel at ease with the step aerobics, and she encourages people to stick it out until they feel more comfortable with the routine.

The aerobics

co-op holds classes two or three mornings a week, two or three at noon and twice in the evening. For a \$30 a month fee, you can take as many classes as you want. (The fees might increase by \$5; there's also a student rate of \$22 a month and a discount for signing up for two months.) Individual sessions are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The classes take place at the Halco Plaza in Haliburton above CHACE Place, with entrance near CHACE.

Ken Rosenberg's skills come to the fore in provincial competition

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

He played hard, competed admirably and made the county proud.

Ken Rosenberg traveled to the Oshawa Golf and Country Club recently to compete in the three-day Ontario Seniors Golf Tournament that drew 120 contestants aged 55 and over from across the province.

"I play for the experience and enjoy the competition," said Rosenberg. "You always like to see how you stand up against the rest of the golfers."

Last week Rosenberg discovered that he stands up quite well. Placing 14th in the province was an honor, he says.

Rosenberg has been golfing for the past 50 years. He learned to play golf at the age of five, when his father first took him out to the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course near their home.

Now that he's retired, he plays golf three times a week with a group of avid golfing friends.

The group will be heading down to Port Hope Labor Day weekend to compete in the two-day Dalewood Classic.

"I like being outdoors, the companionship. It's a great game that you can never master," he says

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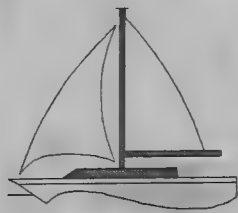
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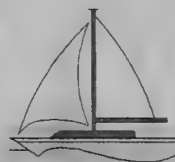
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Monmouth considers firehall mural

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KERRY RILEY

Special to the Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the August 10 Monmouth council meeting.

A follow-up on plans to improve the community water tap, located on the wall of the firehall, evolved into a discussion of the initiative, spearheaded by local resident Mary Barker, to have a mural commemorating the original railroad station erected on the same wall. To avoid interference, plans to upgrade the water access were temporarily shelved until details of the mural construction were known.

Although all of council was enthusiastic about the idea of the mural, concerns were expressed about copyright restrictions affecting future use of the building. Reeve Keith Tallman said other towns had experienced difficulties in this regard. Council expressed some discomfort with the idea of a single individual (Ms. Barker) assuming responsibility for the project, and wondered if a committee had been formed. Observer Rick Huffman indicated that, as he understood it, one had.

Confusion also reigned over whether council had granted permission for actual construction, as opposed to fundraising, at the April 13 meeting at which Mary Barker first proposed her idea. The minutes of that meeting were consulted, but the wording, which said that "the council had no objection to the mural, but would like to see the design before it is placed on the firehall," proved equivocal.

The discussion ended with council expressing a wish to be kept more up-to-date with the progress of the project.

Roads report

Council resolved to accept an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources to upgrade and assume future summer maintenance of that portion of the Ross Point Rd. which lies within the township, for the sum of \$55,000. Monmouth will also upgrade and assume the maintenance of the access point and docking facilities for \$15,000.

"I think we should take it," said Tallman, in regards to the offer. He noted that council had had no response from a group of cottagers in the area about a possible role in the boat launch facilities maintenance. "They may want to do it themselves," he speculated, "but I don't think the MNR will let them."

Commercial re-zoning

An uneventful public meeting held to consider the rezoning application of Sheri Long, regarding her hair salon located along Hwy. 648, in Wilberforce, resulted in Council granting a commercial designation.

Tax rates set—finally

Amid comments of "finally," "it's about time," council resolved to adopt the budget estimates, and set the

tax rates for 1998.

A brief moment of celebration ensued.

Contracts dealt with

At the request of Lynn Huffman, the current operator, council agreed to re-tender the position of canteen operator at the Monmouth arena. According to Lynn Huffman's husband Rick, (present at the meeting) changes in building use have made it preferable for her to re-tender at a new price rather than renew her current yearly contract.

Council agreed to extend for one year, at the current price, the caretaking services contract for the Lloyd Watson and Medical Centres, held by Shirley Deterling. Councillor Jim Deterling declared a conflict of interest, and did not participate in the proceedings.



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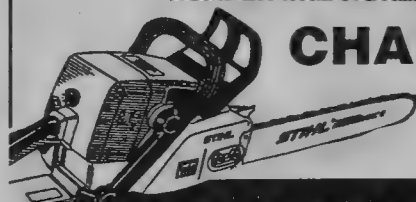
When the Haliburton School of Fine Arts was not able to use the high school as its main base this summer because of construction, it found a temporary new home at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The only problem was the elementary school's lack of a cafeteria. Caleb's Meadow, a bed and breakfast establishment on Lake Kashagawigamog owned by Karen Saunders and David Snow, and Georges Henri Chocolates, owned by Ron Tenthorey of Stanhope, were hired to come to the rescue, transforming one of the gym's into the bright and colourful Arts Café. The chef was Kyra Dahlke. The café was closed in early August when the School began winding down after a very successful season.

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County council's wariness may quash an attempt to get a heritage designation for Trent Severn system

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At least one councillor's concerns were set at rest by Fisher's comments.

"If (the heritage designation) is strictly promotional, I think I'd be one of the first to support it," said Cardiff Reeve Doug Holman.

But other councillors remained wary of seeking heritage status for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon pointed out that Haliburton County supplies water to the TSW from many of its lakes, but is not actually part of the waterway.

She questioned whether an increase in tourism and related businesses along the TSW because of a heritage designation would place an even greater demand on the county's water supply.

"We haven't found that in the past" on the other designated rivers, said Fisher.

But if there were an increase in demand, it would only be

"marginal," he predicted.

Anthon also asked Fisher how the Highlands would benefit from the designation since it isn't directly linked to the waterway.

"That's a good question," Fisher. "We haven't yet determined if the designation would be just the river or the whole watershed."

He noted that the Grand River and its watershed have been granted heritage status.

"That's the only one of the 32 rivers that have that designation, but we did that because all the communities in the watershed wanted the maximum benefit of the tourism potential."

The support of communities along a river being considered for designation is an extremely important factor in deciding whether it will receive the status, said Fisher.

Among the 14 area municipal councils that have formally opposed the TSW being designated a heritage river are Dysart, Stanhope, Lutterworth,

Peterborough County and Victoria County.

But Fisher said the CHRS has received a greater show of support, including 16 motions in favour by other area councils, eight motions of support in principle from councils and motions of support from several area Conservation Authorities.

However, he acknowledged the TSW's proposed designation is the only one that has raised controversy among the six currently under consideration.

And that could be enough to ensure the designation never goes forward.

The CHRS tends to "go with the winners" where there is clear-cut community support for a designation and back away from nominations that have raised a great deal of opposition.

"My big concern is that I may be given the directive to back off on the Trent-Severn. I don't know," he said.

Warden Murray Fearrey said county council would formalize its position on the proposed designation at a future meeting.



BUSINESS BRIEF: Massage therapist and homeopath Doug Smith, left, recently opened a practice, called the Wellness Centre, at Halco Plaza. He was joined at the open house by Lynn Duncombe and Nathan Gibbons, a future practitioner who may work for Smith.

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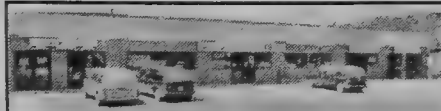
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New technology may help county create computer network

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

Video conferencing through wide area networks has been, until recently, just one of those interesting new technologies we have heard of on television commercials about what the future will bring us.

Now wide area network technology might be closer to the county than we think.

Bev MacWilliams, Information Systems Coordinator for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, has a plan that could potentially see every computer in the county linked via wide area networking this fall.

Wide area network technology allows users to share all sorts of information over a common computer system, even when they are miles away from each other.

"The distance we have to travel is so great that it makes communication difficult," said MacWilliams, who thinks a wide area network would bring the geographically distanced school board closer together.

MacWilliams recently put in a proposal to the Ministry of Education that calls for every school in the Haliburton, Muskoka and Victoria counties to be hooked up to a common computer system this fall.

The plan would require linking the district's schools through fibre optic cables that would be dug into the ground from Lindsay to Bracebridge. And once the cables had been installed, the possibilities for the rest of the county would be endless.

"What this does is bring the line to your door. What you do with it is up to you," MacWilliams said at a meeting of the Haliburton County Networking Group recently.

"The only limitation is your imagination."

MacWilliams spoke to representatives from some of the groups in the county he thought would benefit from a wide area network, including Les Shepherd, county CAO; Minden Reeve Jeanne

Anthon, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; Foster Loucks, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services and representatives from the municipal governments.

MacWilliams hopes that by getting the support of various county groups he will be able to work out a deal with the 12-member cable consortium that has agreed to install the lines.

"I think it's important that we put our heads together so that there's not duplication," he said.

Those who attended the meeting were intrigued by MacWilliams' idea and voted to send a communal letter to the Ministry of Education in support of his funding proposal.

"We know we have to build a network. We know we have to be wired," said John Henderson, systems operator at HalHiNet.

"If we can get our act together now and become part of the Trillium Lakelands project, then we can get a discount and we'll be serving ourselves better for the future."

Shepherd said county council has already discussed the need for a central computer network and would likely partner with the school board in such an endeavour.

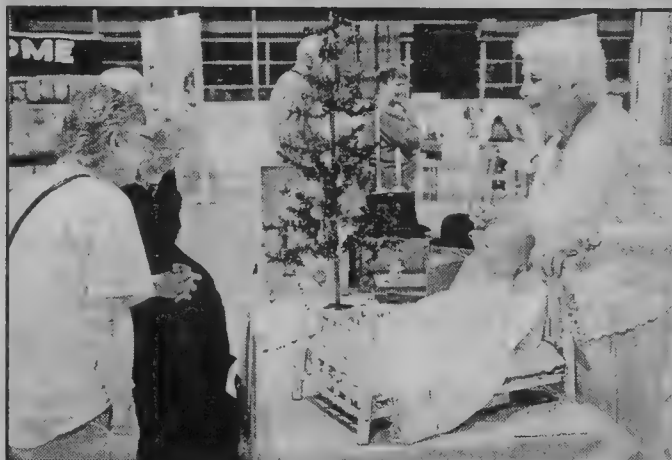
MacWilliams' ambitious plan will not come without a cost, however. Installing and maintaining the fibre optic lines for the school board's network will cost \$8-million for the first five years.

If additional users want to hook up their computers to the network, they'll have to pay for the extra cable lines themselves.

Bell Canada has already installed fibre optic cables throughout the county, but they are not currently hooked up for individual use.

MacWilliams said it would much less expensive to deal with the cable consortium than with Bell, which charges Muskoka schools \$124,000 a year to lease lines for its 27 computer sites.

MacWilliams is optimistic that, with the support of the county, some sort of network will be installed this fall.



While 6-year-old Alethea Major looks on, Rebecca Neave gets a sewing lesson from Irene Moxam at the Minden County Town Museum's Quilt and Fibre Show at the Minden Community Centre in early August, top photo. The middle show illustrates what a terrific opportunity it was to learn about fibre arts. At left, Ruth MacBrien shows some of the tatting done by her grandmother.

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When a moose comes calling

PETER DOWNS

Staff Reporter

Probably every cottage owner has their own story of the summer guest who drops by for a short visit and decides to stay a couple nights longer and then a couple more on top of that.

But it would be tough to beat the one a small group of neighbours at the bottom of Outlet Bay, off Drag Lake, will be telling at their cottages for many years to come.

The neighbours' unexpected guest — a male moose, likely in his second summer — walked out of the woods and into their lives one day early in the summer for a stay of several weeks.

The amiable moose apparently enjoyed the food and company so much it looked as though he might never leave.

Bill and Cathy Murray were understandably shocked to look out their window one day near the beginning of July to see a moose munching on leaves.

By the end of the day, as the moose waded in the water and made himself at home on the beach they share with two neighbours, the couple realized this was no ordinary moose.

He certainly didn't seem in a hurry to move on and showed no fear of people.

What the Murrys initially thought was a chance sighting of one of the area's shyest creatures stretched into a six-week visit from what they and their neighbours began to think of almost as a pet.

Each morning when they



SUMMER GUEST: The Echo's Sue Nicholson gives Mortimer the moose — or Ernie or Bullwinkle or Mickey Moose, depending on who you talk to — a pat on the nose on Tuesday while visiting Bill and Cathy Murray on Outlet Bay. The amiable moose stayed at the couple's property for nearly the whole summer.

woke up, there was Mortimer or Ernie or Bullwinkle or Mickey Moose — depending on who is referring to the moose — standing quietly in the trees munch-

ing on leaves or up to his belly in the lake, taking a drink.

When the Murrys' grandchildren played on the beach or in the water, the moose would

often stand just a few feet away, surveying the scene like a pet dog who wants to join the action.

"He certainly doesn't shy away from people," Mr. Murray said.

The moose was content enough to let children or adults stroke its coarse coat and was just as happy to eat leaves out of their hands.

"He even seemed to miss people," said Mrs. Murray. "After our grandchildren went home I was outside and I felt this nudge under my elbow from behind and it was him nudging me with his nose."

Like their neighbours, the Murrys became so used to the moose they had to occasionally remind themselves that it wasn't typical to be sitting on the beach reading with a moose looking over your shoulder.

The Murrys and the many people who visited the moose can only guess at his strange behaviour.

A biologist visiting a nearby property saw the moose and speculated he might be ill with some sort of parasite.

"I guess you tend to think there may be something wrong

with him because he's acting abnormally for a moose," said Mr. Murray.

Moose calves stay with their mothers for one year until the female again has young.

Dana Kinsman, a wildlife biologist with the MNR in Minden,

"The moose was content to let children or adults stroke its coarse coat and was just as happy to eat leaves out of their hands."

didn't see the moose but guessed it may have been sent on its own by its mother and was not adjusting well to life alone.

On Wednesday, the Murrys looked out their window expecting to see the moose munching on leaves or hanging around on the beach. But he was nowhere to be seen. Sometime over night he had apparently returned to the forest as mysteriously as he had come out weeks before.



COOLING OFF: When he wasn't munching on leaves or hanging around on the beach the moose, wading into the lake for a drink, often went into the water when the Murrys' grandchildren and their neighbours were swimming.

Art imitates life

Robert Skipper says his works come from everyday objects, not an artistic vision

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

If Robert Skipper wasn't so busy with his art, he would probably still be breeding racing pigeons.

As with the creation of one of his hydra stone sculptures, choosing a good pigeon — one with the right form and features — requires a lot of attention to detail.

Racing pigeons was a hobby Skipper practised as a boy growing up in St. Mary's, Ontario. In his teenage years, however, the hobby gave way to an all-encompassing interest in art that has stayed with him all his life.

"I've never done anything else with my life. I was 18 when I first called myself an artist and then I got busy becoming one. My theory was that if I devoted any time to anything else, I would be less good at what I did."

So for the past 34 years, Skipper has devoted 14 to 18

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ROBERT SKIPPER

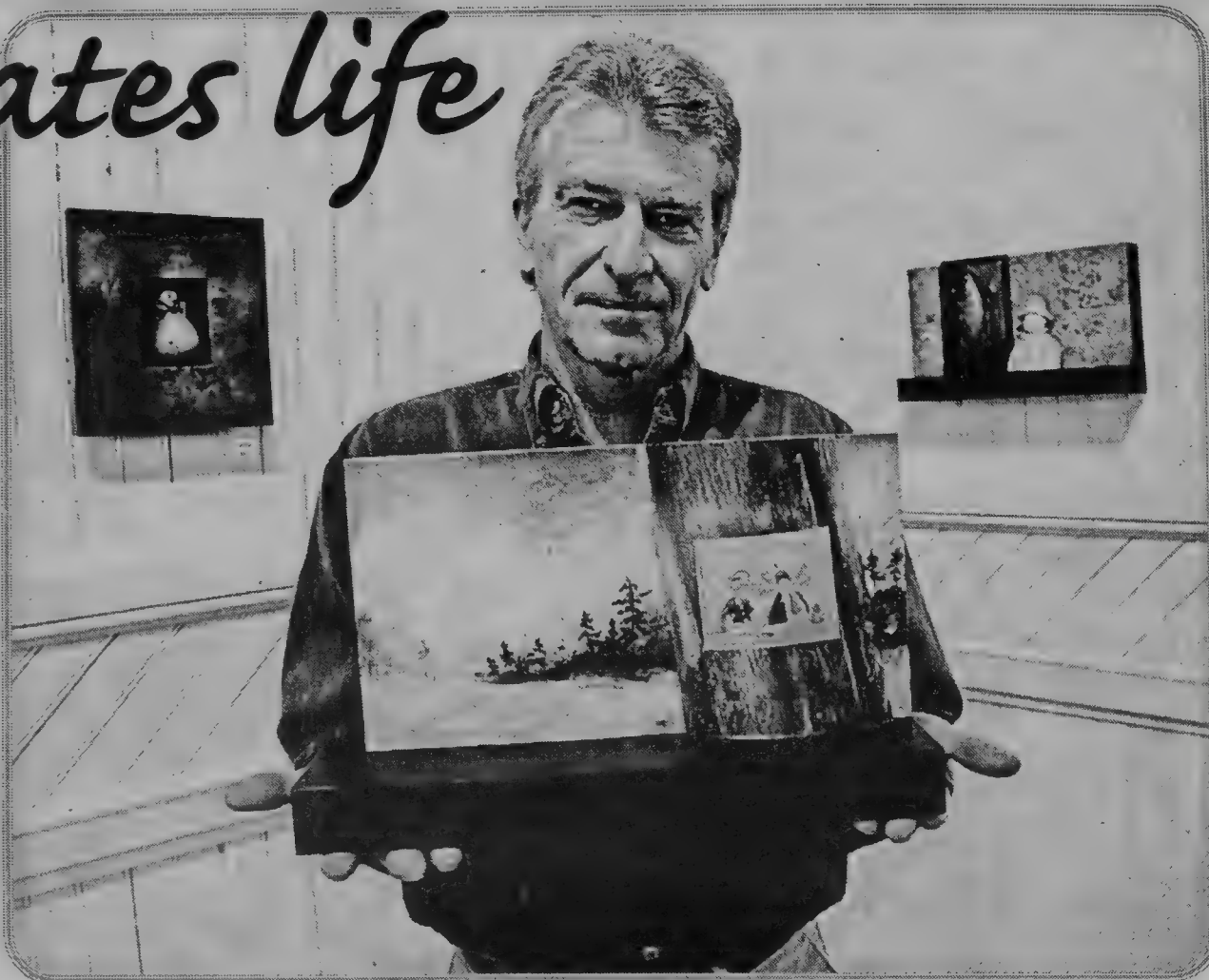
hours of every day to the creation of his paintings and sculptures, travelling between his two studios in Stratford, Ontario, and Lake Placid, Florida.

His interest in art sprang from his first job as a 17-year-old prop maker for the Stratford Theatre near his home.

"I was building props for kings and breast plates for soldiers and that gave me a tremendous command of an awful lot of materials that artists do not normally use."

From there, Skipper began experimenting with household objects and materials that would later form the basis of his art.

In his most recent collection, now on display at the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton, Skipper uses wax and



UNUSUAL ART:

Robert Skipper displays a wall relief, entitled Sniff Sniff, at the opening day of his show at the Rail's End Gallery. To his right is Newfoundland, a piece depicting the guilt of anglers. To his left is The Pear, a hydra stone sculpture made from a mold designed from a real pear. His work will be on display until August 30.

common house enamels to give the fruit sculptures in his wall reliefs an authentic look — so authentic, in fact, that some have called his work "pear taxidermy."

Real fruit, eggs and fish create the life-like molds from which Skipper's sculptures are made. When a certain object interests the artist, such as the wood carving of an angler he found in a Good Will store or the giant snail he once found on his kayak, he will make a mold from it and use it in his work.

Some 2,000 molds and found objects lie about Skipper's studios. His art is made not by an artistic vision, he says, but by experimenting with the things around him.

"That's how you build something like this. It's not artists' stuff, none of it. I don't have a concept and then go out and build the damn thing. It doesn't happen that way. I have the language laying out, like how a writer has words and paragraphs and phrases, and then I assemble them."

Skipper prides himself in being able to create art that is fresh and unusual. He has never studied art history, nor is he interested in following the work of other artists, preferring to focus completely on the development of his own style.

"It's funny, over 34 years of work I can't find definition points. There was no radical change; it was always an evolution. A lot of this work has to do with my time in the Ottawa Valley. It has to do with that isolation and living in the bush."

Skipper says his art has constantly changed over the

years, from the fantastical miniature paintings he did while living in the Ottawa Valley to the collection of natural images and abstract surroundings found in such works as Progeny and Newfoundland.

Newfoundland, a wall relief depicting the hardships of an angler faced with the depletion of his fishing stock, is a work the artist likes to talk about. Sculptures of a sad angler (the one he found at Good Will) and his fish are looked down upon by a wall of angels covering their eyes and mouths.

"The connotation of the piece is that the Newfoundlander doesn't feel his own personal guilt about the ravaging of the stock. He is trying to ignore it. It's a difficult situation for a man to be in because that's what he does for a living."

Other pieces, however, defy explanation. Skipper stands in front the work he calls Progeny, a relief of a frog guarding a row of eggs, and doesn't know what to say.

"It's like he's the protector of the eggs. It's about as serious piece as they get because you can't put your finger on exactly what's happening there."

And not knowing exactly what's happening with his art is what draws Skipper into his studio every day and captivates him for hours on end.

"It's a daily draw. My ideas run way ahead of me. I'm always trying to catch up."

The wall reliefs and sculptures of Robert Skipper are on display at the Rails' End Gallery until August 30.



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Legion honours dedicated Highlanders at awards ceremony

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The dedication and commitment of the high school's three track and field coaches were acknowledged on Friday night when they were presented with one of the highest Legion commendations.

"Paul Morissette, Tim Davies and Walter Tose have earned the respect of the Legion in Ontario, the parents in the community

and the students in the school athletic program," past president Ed Pickard said when presenting the Certificate of Merit to the three Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teachers during the Haliburton Legion's annual Honours and Awards Night.

"Through their leadership and dedication, all extra-curricular, these men have taught, encouraged and led by example many of the youth of our

community."

Because of the time the three have volunteered to coach the HHSS students, both as part of the school's track team and then as the Legion-sponsored track team, many young people have been able to excel in athletics.

Their successes have brought honour to their parents, their school and community, Pickard said.

"Branch 129 admires you and is pleased with your leadership in the Legion track and field program," he concluded to the applause of Legion members.

Student Liane Dron, who won a silver medal for discus in the Legion's provincial championship games, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of all the high school students who volunteered at the Haliburton Legion's track and field competition for the county's elementary school students.

The students helped to ensure the event ran smoothly and also volunteered their time to act as assistant coaches.

"Without these students, these meets could not take place," said Zone Commander Don McCumber. "They are a credit to their parents, teachers and the community, and an inspiration to the younger students following in their wake."

Past Zone Commander

Stan Fittell, who's also chairman of the district's track and field program, presented Morissette with a cheque for \$250 to help cover some of the team's expenses, such as traveling to Legion meets.

Meanwhile, Legion comrade Jock Mavor was also presented with Certificate of Merit, which is the third highest honour a Legion can bestow on a member.

(It can also be awarded to non-members, such as the track and field coaches, in recognition of service rendered to or on behalf of the Legion.) The Certificate can only be awarded on branch recommendation and with approval of Provincial Command.

Mavor is the zone and branch padre. As well as

conducting the Remembrance Day ceremonies and leading many events in prayer, he also visits people who are ill or bereaved on behalf of the Legion.

"He is always a happy and generous person whom everyone admires," Pickard said when presenting the award. He noted the Mavor has also served as reeve of Stanhope Township, and is a talented musician and vocalist who participates in numerous musical events.

"He is a man we are proud to have in our midst."

Pride was also a word used to describe the Legion's sentiment towards Comrades Maurice Cooper, Leslie Reynolds,

Doug Speirs and Russell Woodcock, who were awarded their 50-Year Medal. (Cooper and Reynolds could not attend.)

Both in war and in peace, these men have demonstrated the ideals of the Legion, said McCumber. As soldiers in World War II, they defended the principles of their country and as exemplary members of the Legion, they have served their communities through various benevolent activities. Their wisdom and guidance will help the Legion forge a new role, decades after Canada has been involved in war.

The ceremony included the presentation of bars and pins in recognition of dedication and service.



Top left: On behalf of the high school athletes who volunteered at Legion track and field events, Liane Dron accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from past Zone Commander Stan Fittell.

Top right: Fittell, who's the chairman of the district's track and field program, presents Jock Mavor, Paul Morissette and Tim Davies with the Certificate of Merit for their efforts coaching the track and field team. Absent is Walter Tose.

At right: Zone Commander Don McCumber congratulates Russell Woodcock and Doug Speirs for receiving the 50-year pin. Absent were Maurice Cooper and Leslie Reynolds.

Fish Stocking

Minden Area - Murphy Lake

The Ministry of Natural Resources, Minden Area Office, would like to inform the public that Longford Reserve Ltd. is considering stocking Murphy Lake, located in Longford Township, with walleye.

This is the first time walleye has been stocked into this particular waterbody. This stocking effort is being done to create a new fishery, thereby providing additional angling opportunities for walleye.

This project is being planned and implemented in accordance with the ministry's *Approved Class Environmental Assessment for Fish Stocking in New Waters*.

If you feel that after consulting with ministry staff that your concerns about this proposal have not been adequately addressed, you may make a request that the project be subject to an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The decision on whether or not to conduct an individual environmental assessment is determined by the Minister of Environment.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this proposal under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the proposal period and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Dana Kinsman at (705) 286-1521 (Minden).

You are invited to direct any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, before September 22, 1998, to:

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Saying 'No' to sales people can be a challenge

■ **Ministry offers valuable advice on how to deal with aggressive sales people**

Vacuum cleaner sales people who won't take "no" for an answer have become a nightmare for some Ontario consumers.

Although the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR) may be able to help victims of disreputable sales agents after the fact, a consumer's best protection is to stay alert and not be taken in by the sales pitch in the first place.

Over the past year, people in many Ontario communities have reported receiving "scratch 'n' win" tickets by mail or at their doors.

They scratch the tickets and find their dreams of winning seem to have come true. If they call the telephone number on the ticket a "valuable prize" will be delivered.

Unfortunately, what really arrives at the door is a sales person with a vacuum cleaner in tow. If invited into the home, the sales pitch may last for hours – as long as it takes to get the consumer hooked into signing a contract.

"Often these disreputable sellers convince consumers to break the number one rule of buying door-to-door: to carefully consider whether or not they really need and want the item," says Marilyn Gurevsky, a manager with the ministry's Business Division. "Some of these sales people will continue to talk in circles until the potential buyer feels totally confused before moving in for the kill."

Gurevsky says the object of the seller's effort is to get as much of the consumer's money as possible. "So it's not unusual to see different units of the same model being sold for \$1,700, \$2,000 or as much as \$2,400," she says.

Several instances of the use of unconscionable sales tactics resulted in a Scarborough, Ontario vacuum cleaner sales company being found guilty of engaging in unfair busi-

ness practices in May, 1998. Consumers said they had been pressured into buying the vacuum cleaners, which they didn't need or want. Once in the homes, the sellers made themselves quite comfortable, using the consumers' telephones and washrooms and talking until the victims said they felt

“Some of these sales people will continue to talk in circles until the potential buyer feels totally confused before moving in for the kill.”

MARILYN GUREVSKY

beaten down.

In one case, the consumer, an elderly recent widow, already owned two vacuum cleaners and was planning to move from her house to a small unit in a senior's residence where she would no longer require them.

She was eventually convinced to write a cheque for \$500 and put \$1,500 on a credit card to pay for a new vacuum cleaner in full. To make matters worse, she was then left the demonstrator model,

with the understanding it would be replaced with a new unit as soon as possible.

By receiving all the money and delivering the goods on the spot the sellers worked around conditions of the province's Consumer Protection Act. Under this law, consumers have two days to

the police and do so."

Gurevsky says that if you're interested in something they are selling, the best policy is to ask for the information in writing at the door and a phone number where you can reach them.

Ask yourself these questions before buying anything at your door:

- Do I really need and want this product now? If you haven't already thought about buying a similar product, you probably don't need it.

- Can I afford it? Make sure you're aware of any additional costs that can add a lot to the total bill, such as installation fees or interest charges.

- Is the price right? Another company may offer a similar product for less. Do some comparison shopping and check seasonal specials advertised by stores and in fliers, the media and at local home and trade shows.

- Will the seller give you time to make an informed decision? Any responsible sales person will agree to come back later to make the sale. If not, think about buying from someone else.

- Is the price reasonable

for the quality? If it seems very low maybe the offer isn't up to snuff. Do enough comparison shopping to find an average price for the service and judge your purchase accordingly.

- Does the company have a good reputation? Ask for references and check them.

- Is a guarantee or warranty offered in writing? Another company may offer a better guarantee, but remember – a guarantee or warranty is only as good as the company standing behind it. If the firm goes out of business the guarantee's not worth the paper it's written on.

- Will the contract automatically be renewed every year? When you sign a contract with some lawn-care firms, for example, your renewal may be automatic the next year unless you make arrangements to cancel it. Some people find this very convenient, while others want to compare services and prices every year.

Many services sold door-to-door are paid for by installment. Consumers have signed what is known as an executory contract. If goods or services you buy from a door-to-door seller cost more than \$50 and are not delivered or paid for in full on the spot, you may be able to cancel the contract. But you must act quickly. After two working days – Sundays and statutory holidays are excluded – the contract is binding.

Provincial law says you have two working days to cancel or rescind the contract. This can be done by writing a letter which asks the company to rescind the contract and sending it by registered mail within that time.

For further information, or if you think you've been the victim of an unscrupulous door-to-door seller, call the ministry's General Inquiry Unit at (416) 326-8555 in the Toronto area or at toll free 1-800-268-1142. Special visual equipment for use by the hearing and speech impaired is available at (416) 326-8566.

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Oh, no, we're not going that way this time

On up the sidewalk, finds a grassy place

Sniffs it all over, then on with the chase Wants to water those lawns but I coax her cross the road

Hope this is the place where she'll dump her load.

But no, I have to struggle on for blocks and blocks and blocks

For now, there isn't any grass, only rocks and rocks

She's very particular, it has to be just right

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August 26 *R & R Jr. Golf Tournament*, \$7 registration payable in advance. Deadline August 23. Males and females, ages 10 - 15. Green fees payable day of tournament. Call 457-4072 to register or for more info.

August 27 *Haliburton Highlands Twirlers Summer Square Dancing*. Basic, Mainstream, Plus at the Haliburton Legion, 7 - 9:30. Call 457-1328.

August 27 *Duplicate Bridge*, 1 p.m. (every Thursday) at Home Support. For further information call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

August 30 *Old-Fashioned Fun Community Fun Day*, 2 - 8 p.m., Lochlin Park and Community Centre, fun for all ages, bring lawn chairs.

September 1 Join H.C.H.S.S. to see *Les Miserables*. Registration day Sept. 1. Trip - October 7. For info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 5 *5th Annual Haliburton Forest 100 Mile Run* (50 mile and 50 k. alternative), 6 a.m. If interested in participating or volunteering, call Helen Malmberg, 416-422-5130.

September 5 *Bob Hunter Memorial Horseshoe Tournament*, 11 a.m. For info call 447-3092.

September 8 Knitter's Group, Guild of Fine Arts are holding a *BBQ luncheon* at the home of Margaret and George Bull, 457-2124 to raise money for the Teleradiology Unit. The beef will be donated by Honeymans Beef Purveyors' representative Dave Bull. The members are bringing salads, desserts, condiments, a few friends and folding chairs. Fill your car, come and have a good time.

September 14 *Contract Bridge*, 1 p.m., at H.C.H.S.S., come out every Monday. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 14 Are you looking for a new volunteer challenge? Join the Dynamic Team at the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre. Our extensive Volunteer Training will prepare you to work in front line services, public education and fundraising. This is your opportunity to support your community. For more info on volunteering with us, contact Theresa at 748-5901.

September 19 *Eagle Lake Community Church Roast Beef Dinner*, at the West Guilford Centre, sittings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Adult - \$10, Child - \$6. Tickets available at Eagle Lake Foodtown or Butcher Block & Deli. Info call 754-3955, Sandra.

September 20 *Annau Fall Supper*, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 196 Bridge St. W., Bancroft, 1 - 6 p.m. All you can eat. Bingo: 1 - 4 p.m. Mass at 12:15 p.m. for visitors. Adults \$9. Children under 12, \$4. Children under 3, free.

September 22 *Wheels to Meals*, 12 noon, Gooderham Community Centre. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

September 30 *Wheels to Meals*, 12 noon, Rips, West Guilford. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 7 *Wheels to Meals*, 12 noon, KEI's, Haliburton. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 15 *Linedancing*, 10 a.m., at Home Support every Thursday morning. Info Call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

October 23 *Cribbage*, 1 p.m., at H.C.H.S.S., come out every Friday. Info call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

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Haliburton water levels seeing normal decline, officials say

A normal decline of 3.5% over the week preceding August 17 brought the reserve lakes in Haliburton down to 60% of full levels by that date. This was very close to the same levels as occurred one year ago. Late last summer some very dry conditions occurred such that the lakes then were averaging very close to the same as now. The 23-year minimum average level for August 17 was 8.2% lower and the normal would be 8.7% higher than 1998. The highest level on that date was about 86% in a very wet summer.

The Kawartha Lakes have held up well with only a bit more than the minimum flow being required from the reserve lakes. They are near full levels and into a gradual decline which even a modest rain would reverse.

Lake Simcoe-Couchiching received virtually no rain all week, similar to other areas. It therefore declined four centimeters in the week, but remains several centimeters above its target level for the time of year.



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FLYING HIGH:

Above: Brent Walker shows off an ultralight plane at the Stanhope Municipal Airport's third annual Homebuilt and Ultralight Fly-in. Left: Dave Compton takes airport visitors up for a bird's eye view of the Highlands.

Fly-in brings homebuilt and ultralight buffs to Stanhope

DIANNE CHOMA

Staff Reporter

When Brent Walker was a boy, he used to hang around the airport all the time, begging pilots to show him their planes and take him up for rides. Now that he has a plane of his own, he likes to be able to return the favor.

"It was just a thing that I always wanted to do since I was a kid," said Walker, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association that organizes the Young

Eagles program, an initiative to offer free, first-time flights to one-million children by the year 2003.

The Maple Lake cottager from Aurora showed off his four-seat 1973 Cherokee at the third annual Homebuilt and Ultralight Fly-in at Stanhope Municipal Airport last weekend, an event that attracted 72 pilots from as far away as Burlington, Ottawa and Virginia.

"I've been involved with the airport ever since it was a grass strip," said Walker, who sits on the airport committee. "It has changed a lot over the years."

The two-day fly-in was a chance for local pilots to mingle with others and to exchange ideas about their planes, many of which they built themselves.

Dozens of homebuilt and ultralight planes (all of which are lightweight, can be built at home and do not require a manufacturer's stamp) were on display.

John Packer, the airport's manager, says the annual fly-in is a great opportunity to get the community interested in new types of aircraft and to promote the use of the airport.

"People can learn about aircraft they

might have read about but never seen," he said.

The fly-in gave visitors a chance to see different types of aircraft up-close, watch them come down the runway and even take a scenic flight over the county with pilot Dave Compton (thanks for the ride, Dave!).

"We're very pleased with the turnout from the aviation community," said Packer. "It was a great success. The airport committee and all the volunteers made it really worthwhile."

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Night of Music a delight in Dorset

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Those who missed the Night of Music at the Anglican Church last Thursday certainly were cheated out of an evening of fun and excellent entertainment. It was conducted by Bishop Derwyn Jones, who is an accomplished musician.

The choir sang several selections at the beginning of the concert, then again later in the program they delighted the audience with several more beautifully arranged and executed renditions. There were several solos done by choir members and also some duets. All of the music was in a lighter vein and so enjoyable for everyone.

For a comic touch, Ted Steele recited a modern version of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and people went into hysterics, it was so funny. Mary Warner-Smith continued her Lion story, which was hilarious, following the antics of little Albert, keeping everyone on their toes, especially as recited by one so

witty and talented as Mary.

One of the highlights of the evening was the saxophone music by Joe Alfano. Heather Briant accompanied him on the keyboard. They played some blues and some lovely old familiar pieces and the audience was invited to sing along, which was fun for everyone. Brianna McKey danced a ballet solo entitled Brilliance, composed by Adam and choreographed by B. Cunningham-Moran. It was very lovely and well executed, a picture of grace in a beautiful white costume. We congratulate Brianna on the progress she has made in the art of dance.

The evening closed with a hymn sing of some old familiar hymns and a closing prayer by Father Tom Cunningham.

Happy birthday to Donald Radley, Trish Brooks, and Amy and Murray Ross.

Lordy, Lordy, look who's forty! None other than Joe Alfano. Who'd believe it? We wish him health, wealth and happiness. Joe plays a mean saxophone and really makes beautiful music. We are lucky to have him and his wife Melissa in our midst.

The first Seniors Friendship Luncheon will be on September 10 at the Dorset Community Centre at 12:00

noon. There is a charge of \$4. You may call 789-6676 if you wish to attend.

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church congregation and rector wish to thank all the well wishers who attended their fundraising dinner and auction on August 5. It was a very successful event due to the good attendance. A big band of thanks for all the people who planned it all and to everyone who worked so hard preparing food, doing the tables, and all the things that have to be done to get a meal ready for a crowd. Also, praise to those who donated articles for the auction and to those working on collecting things for the sale, arranging them on the tables ready for auction and working as auctioneers. A lot of work was done by many and is greatly appreciated.

The mountain ash are covered with orange-red berries and are beautiful. Last year I didn't have any berries on my tree and was told by others they had the same condition. A horticulturist said that last year we had a late frost that killed the blossoms, hence no berries. Some of the would-be "weather predictors" say that an abundance of berries mean a long cold winter. I think that, what will be, will be, and we have to wait and take our chances.



WEDDING BELLS:

John and Carol McNeil and Wayne and Sandra Ormiston wish to announce the marriage of their children, Kimberly to Michael, which took place Saturday, June 20, 1998 at Haven of Rest Chapel, Haliburton.



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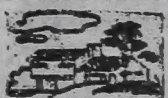
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Municipality of Dysart et al **NOTICE**

TO OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Bill 16 has made provision for land owners with gross leases to be able to pass on a portion of the property taxes or BIA levies to tenants occupying commercial or industrial property. The Ministry of Finance, Tax Policy Branch, has established a formula to calculate the maximum amount you may charge your tenant.

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Municipality of Dysart **NOTICE TO CONNECT** Bylaw 96 58

The Haliburton Kashagawigamog Sewage Works project No. 52-0127-01 is complete. Council therefore gives notice as per Bylaw 96 58 that the owner of any houses, buildings or properties will connect to the public sanitary sewage system within 1 (one) year of this date being August 11, 1999.



Municipality of Dysart et al

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The Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale proposes to enact a By-Law to stop up, close and sell that part of the original shore road allowance set out and described as follows:

FIRSTLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 on Plan 19R-6397; and

SECONDLY: Township of McClintock, County of Haliburton, being part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, designated as Parts 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Plan 19R-6448.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Main Street, Dorset, Ontario, on the 14th day of September, 1998, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock a.m. and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED: August 6, 1998

Diane J. Griffin
Clerk-Treasurer,
Corporation of the Township of Sherborne,
McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and
Nightingale

This original shore road allowance is located in front of Lot 4, Concession 11, Township of McClintock, along the shore of Oxtongue Lake and upon being closed and stopped up will be sold to owners of land abutting.

Parts 6, 7, 11 and 14, 19R-6397-Sanderson;
Parts 12, 13, 15 and 16 on 19R-6397 and Part 9
on 19R-6448-Ministry of Natural Resources;
Parts 6, 7 and 8, 19R-6448 - Schell

NOTICES



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 12, in Concession IX, on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 14th, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 12, in Concession IX on Wildgoose Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1, and Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 29th, 1998, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday).
DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of July, 1998.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator



Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria **ACCESS CENTRE**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

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Each agency (a "Respondent") that is interested in providing the Service and intends to make a proposal to, and for consideration by the Access Centre, MUST pre-qualify in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Request for Qualification in order to be invited to submit a proposal.

2. INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PRE-QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS:

Each Respondent who meets and fulfils all requirements of the Request for Qualification will be INVITED TO SUBMIT a proposal for the provision of the Service in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Request for Proposal to be issued to invited Respondents on or about September 23, 1998.

The Request for Qualification will be available during regular business hours (0830 to 1630) from Monday August 31, 1998 at 0830 hours until Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 1200 hours (noon) at the following address of the Access Centre:

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Lindsay Office
108 Angeline Street South
Lindsay, Ontario
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Respondent's response to Request for Qualification MUST be received by 1200 hours (noon) on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at the reception desk of the above noted address, Attention: John Grasswell, C.G.A., RFP Coordinator.

NOTE: AN AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION MUST SATISFY ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION IN ORDER FOR THE AGENCY TO BE INVITED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Seniors enjoy a picnic lunch at the fair

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On Saturday, it was time to visit the Haliburton County Fair. The Highland Rover was full as we made our way there. We had a great spot in the grounds where we were able to view the parade, tuck into our picnic lunch and later enjoy the entertainment. What a fun time we had.

We must congratulate Louise Bishop and Henry Howe who received a prize for being the oldest man and woman there.

We wish to thank the activity staff, volunteers and anyone else who gave up their time so that we could enjoy this day. Judy Stevenson also attended the fair, but she went with her brother. Judy reports she had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed touring the buildings with the varied exhibits in them. She especially liked seeing the animals.

Last Thursday, we enjoyed having the group from the Minden Legion host our tea party. Thank you for coming, the treats were delicious and we hope you can join us again in the future.

The following day the

Northern Jam were here to entertain us. It was good to have them back with us.

The rest of the weekend was fairly quiet, however, on Sunday evening, we sat down for our first "Diners Club Dinner". We enjoyed a roast beef dinner with whipped potatoes and stir fry vegetables followed by a home-made apple pie by our very own cook, Sylvia Sisson. It was a delightful change to eat home-cooked food. This is going to be a monthly event where we choose a supper to be served the last Sunday of the month.

We learned that over the weekend Mrs. Archie Stouffer (Candace) passed away in Stouffville. She had just turned 100 years of age. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Monday, the Salvation Army was here. There was a good turnout as many of us like to join in with them. We also had a short memorial for Princess Diana.

Yesterday, Linda surprised us with a special treat. She had been out picking oodles of blackberries and generously shared some of them with us. We were served the berries with real cream, also a tea biscuit with home-made blackberry jelly. It was delicious. As we tucked into this great food we sat around and had a good chat.

That evening, we were wonderfully entertained by the

Norland Hillbillies. Our thanks to them.

Things are still very topsy turvy here but we are told this part is almost over. Quite a few of us will be moved to other locations in our home so the next phase can begin.

For many of you who have gardens, it is time to reap the harvest and preserve the bounty. Also, it is jam making season, pickling season, etc. There seems to be no end to it. And if you have children you also have to start that yearly tradition of

buying all those supplies and clothes for school. Those times are behind us but we still remember the hustle and bustle, and enjoy hearing all about it from our visitors and volunteers who are still caught up in it all.

West Guilford man will always be remembered through new bell tower

Murray and Cecilia Scott, Earl and I attended Kearney's Knox United Church on Sunday, August 16, where Earl piped at the dedication of the new bell tower in memory of Ralph Bice.

The Rev. Jennifer Palin led the service of dedication and officiated at an infant baptism of Briar Donelee. Most of the service was in the hands of Leeder and Bice families.

The unmistakable feeling of fun and affection that runs through this family at reunions was apparent throughout the occasion from the beginning of the church service to the close of the lunch-time gathering at the Kearney Centre.

It's been good to have the Milnes home from Coral Harbour for two weeks, some of which was spent visiting family in other areas, (Bruce and Crystal in Belleville), and having family here from their homes (Andrew from Ottawa, and Paul and Jodie from Brampton). They had visited Susan and Henry van Ael in Fort Frances before arriving in Haliburton.

Beth and David Chambers had a quiet but

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lovely 35th anniversary celebration with David and Michelle, Cameron and Amy Chambers on August 17.

On August 9, Dale and Darlene McConnell hosted 175 people at a cornfest and musical event for John Webster, evangelist and singer. The

event promises to be an annual affair, next year to be held at the Centre. Due to heavy rainfall all that afternoon people sheltered in garage or on verandah or in the house, and the singing was not able to be all that had been planned. However, an offering for John Webster's work as he travels next year to England, Spain and France, was doubled from last year's gifts, so it was well worth the time of those who came.

Haliburton Christian Outreach provided the food which was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

Congratulations to Kristen Sisson, daughter of Shane and Linda Sisson on placing fifth in the Youth Horsemanship event out of about a dozen at the County Fair in Minden on August 16.

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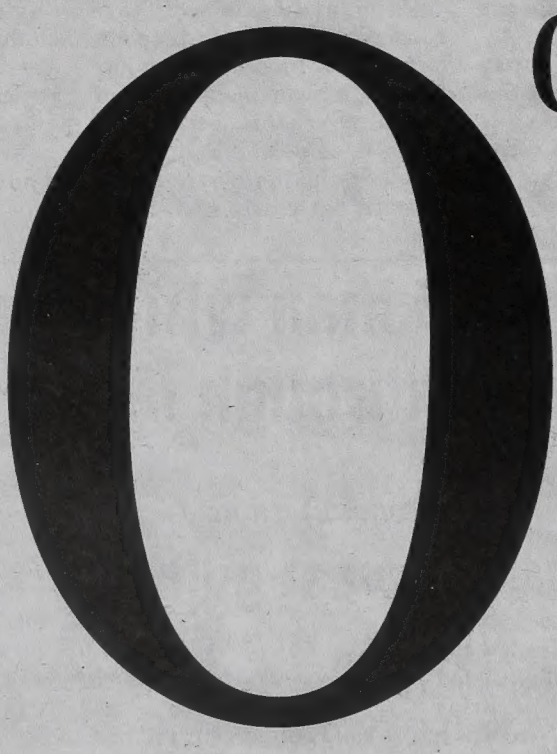
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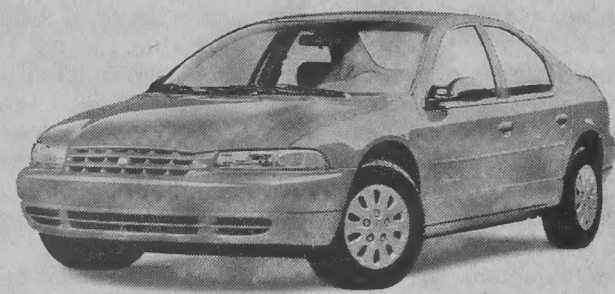


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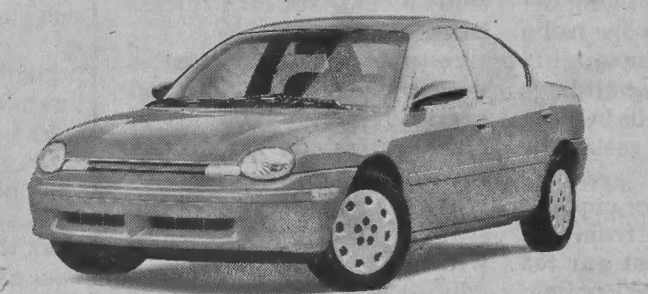
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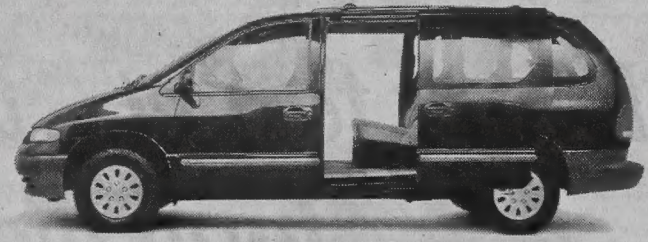
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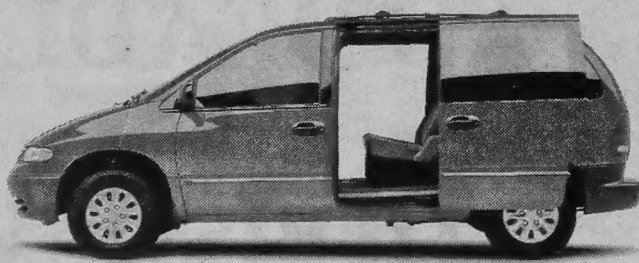
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